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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Keiichiro ISHIHARA

Application No.: 09/696,000

Filed: October 26, 2000

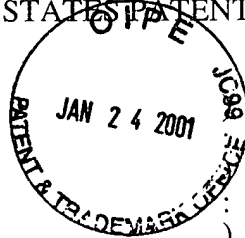
For: OPTICAL SCANNING APPARATUS,
MULTI-BEAM OPTICAL SCANNING
APPARATUS, AND
IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Group Art Unit: 2874

January 24, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
09/697,713	10/27/00	2872	Pending

A copy of the cited Application is enclosed.

FEE/STATEMENT

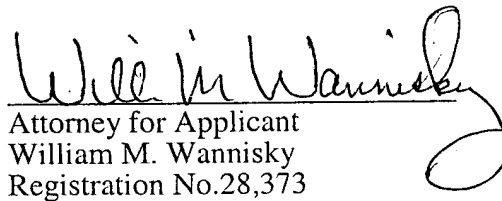
No fee or statement is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to issuance of a first Official Action on the merits in the above-captioned application.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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